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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: T. NISHIKADO, et al

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Examiner: Y. C. Garg

AMENDMENT

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 23, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period to expire October 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.